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1. GOC HAS SENT TO ALL ACCREDITED FOREIGN MISSIONS
MFA NOTE NO. 624/74 DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1975 REGARDING
AIR SPACE AND AIR SAFETY AROUND CYPRUS. FOR REASONS
UNKNOWN AMEMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE NOTE FROM GOC.
COPY OF NOTE PROVIDED BY ISRAELI EMBASSY FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
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COMPLIMENTS TO ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN THE

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO A MATTER, CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF CYPRUS IN THE FIELD OF AIR NAVIGATION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL AIRPORT GROUND AIDS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, METEOROLOGICAL, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION SERVICES WITHIN CYPRUS AND THE NICOSIA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (NICOSIA FIR).

THE NICOSIA FIR IS AN AREA APPROVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) AND ITS BOUNDARIES WERE DELINEATED DURING REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION MEETINGS OF ICAO.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES MENTIONED ABOVE CERTAIN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS ARE REQUIRED, NAMELY, AUTOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS RELAY STATION, AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES DIRECT SPEECH CIRCUITS, AERONAUTICAL MOBILE SERVICES, AND AERONAUTICAL RADIO NAVIGATION AIDS. THESE AIDS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE NAVIGATION FACILITIES LOCATED AT NICOSIA AIRPORT AND THEY CONSTITUTE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION PLAN APPROVED BY ICAO. IT FOLLOWS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PERFORMS A SERVICE REQUIRED BY ICAO FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES OPERATING WITHIN THE NICOSIA FIR.

THEREFORE NICOSIA AIRPORT FULFILLS A DUEL FUNCTION, NAMELY:

- A) PROVIDES THE ENTRY/EXIT POINT OF CYPRUS BY AIR AND
- B) IT OFFERS A SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION.

AS A RESULT OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS IS PREVENTED FROM USING THE NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND MEETING ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, BEING CONSCIOUS
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OF ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN THE FIELD OF AIR NAVIGATION, WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS THAT THE TURKISH INVASION AND CONTINUED MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS VIOLATES THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES AND PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN BY ICAO AND PREVENTS THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS FROM OFFERING TO ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD THE REQUIRED SERVICES FOR THE SAFE, REGULAR AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF WORLD AVIATION.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS ACCREDITED
IN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: GOC OPERATED AIRFIELD AT LARNACA DOES NOT HAVE
FOLLOWING RADIO AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS MENTIONED IN
NOTE ABOVE: AUTOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS RELAY STATION,
AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES DIRECT SPEECH CIRCUITS,
AERONAUTICAL MOBILE SERVICES, AND AERONAUTICAL RADIO
NAVIGATION AIDS.

3. PURPOSE OF NOTE APPEARS TO BE GOC
DISCLAIMER FOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FUTURE ACCIDENTS,
NEAR-ACCIDENTS, HAZARDS TO FLYING CONDITIONS, ETC.
WE PRESUME GOC HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED ICAO THAT GOC CANNOT
VOUCH FOR QUOTE THE SAFE, REGULAR AND EFFICIENT
OPERATION OF WORLD AVIATION END QUOTE.
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